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Fire chiefs ready for hand-off

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ARCATA – Incoming Arcata Fire Chief Justin McDonald, slated to succeed veteran Desmond Cowan on June 21, will begin his tenure with fresh work on the department's strategic plan, based on a survey of district taxpayers.

In a joint *Union* interview with the two career firefighters, McDonald described himself as a steward of taxpayer dollars who needs “much more public input from the district about community expectations. Community needs are changing,” he said, and a key part of his leadership will be providing the public with options as those needs evolve.

As his first year unfolds, McDonald intends to use the survey as the cornerstone of a public education drive. He wants to acquaint residents with the district's expanding role, the growing demand for its services and the constantly increasing demand for broader and more specialized training. Arcata firefighters are taking on more and more jobs, beyond dousing flames.

Uppermost in McDonald's mind are two objectives. The first is informing the public about the accelerating number of operational calls the district receives. The workload is heavy and getting heavier.

In 2015, Arcata firefighters dealt with nearly 3,000 incidents – 2,859 to be exact.

That was nearly a thousand more than in 2004, when they responded to 1,913 incidents.

“Incidents” comprise fires of all kinds (buildings, vegetation, rubbish, crop, mobile home); emergency rescues and medical calls; accidents, explosions, hazardous material spills, animal rescues; and frequent service calls (water problems, smoke threats, apartment inspections, people in distress).

“We do way more than fight fires,” the incoming chief says succinctly.

That reality leads to McDonald's second main objective as he succeeds Chief Cowan: updating the public understanding of what the district does.

“Hollywood doesn't do us any favors with shows like ‘Chicago Fire,’” McDonald comments. “They portray firefighters playing tidlywinks and checkers in the station, giving

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❖ ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

Mystery of the Spanish cross



HISTORY MYSTERY The remnants of a Spanish cross, left, can be seen in the Trinidad Museum. A mural in the back shows Trinidad, where a Spanish explorer erected the cross in 1775.

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TRINIDAD - Private investigators aren't the only ones latching on to elusive clues and solving mysteries.

Humboldt State University applied anthropology and museum studies master's student and Trinidad Museum intern Alexandra Cox recently spent several months in 2015 in an effort to determine whether three pieces of beat-up wood in the museum's collection were actually part of the cross Spanish explorer Bruno de Hezeta installed June 11, 1775

on what would come to be known as Trinidad Head.

Cox, who shared her trail of discovery during a recent Humboldt County Historical Society presentation “The Trinidad Cross Remnants: Genuine or Fake?” at the main county library in Eureka, combined scientific analysis and a fair amount of sleuthing to determine that the mystery wood was – to a 99.9 percent certainty – actually redwood from the cross put in place nearly 241 years ago. Europeans didn't settle on the North Coast for another 75 years

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ON THE WATERFRONT Left, the Sally May brings in a load of crab along the waterfront in Eureka. Top right, the crab is unloaded. Right, Susan Rotwein at Cap'n Zach's Crab House in McKinleyville with the Dungeness delicacy.

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Fishermen finally get to pull their pots

Jack Durham
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NORTH COAST – After an unprecedented delay of nearly six months, the Dungeness crab season finally opened last week on the North Coast, providing fishermen with some much-needed financial relief.

Crabbers were allowed to drop their pots May 9 and pulled the first crabs up just after midnight on Thursday, May 12. The season typically begins Dec. 1, but

was delayed due to high levels of domoic acid in the crab meat. Levels of the naturally occurring neurotoxin, created by algal blooms in warm water, finally subsided in the crabs to levels considered safe by the state, paving the way for the season opening.

The entire coast was open to crabbing, except for a span stretching from the entrance to Humboldt Bay north to Reading Rock west of Orick as of late last week. Depending on test results, that stretch

of coast could open as early as this week. Either way, the local fishing community is happy to be back at work, finally getting a paycheck. Susan Rotwein of Cap'n Zach's Crab House at Central Avenue and Reasor Road in McKinleyville confirmed the obvious – this has been a tough season for the crabbers.

Late last year, crabbers invested an enormous amount

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Growing flowers with love and in love

Sweet Fields Farm is another new regular booth at the Arcata Farmers' Market. The two women who rock that booth exude happiness and love, greeting friends with bouquets of flowers, admiring new babies, making jokes, and talking with two customers about kale with such absolute focus that an observer can see the plant starts growing another half inch during the conversation.

Lauren and Emilee Quackenbush got married last year after the historic court decision.

"We grew all the greens for the wedding and many of the flowers," Lauren said.

They work their farm together, on two acres that they "rent" in a work trade, "removing invasive species such as Scotch Broom, ivy and holly."

They've even planted 32 blueberry plants and apple, fig, cherry, plum and pear trees, an act of faith since the land is not technically theirs. It is in an agricultural trust.

"I think of trees like a promise, a promise to the land," Lauren said.

Both women have traveled different roads to get to their farm.

Emilee Quackenbush got a degree in geology at Humboldt and circled the world before coming back to Humboldt County.

"I was working in Seattle at Google Maps and got tired of the corporate world. I was sitting behind a computer every day and I said, 'I miss compost!' I found myself back here and I'm not leaving. Once you've left three times you should call it a day," she said.

Emilee also worked with AmeriCorps and went to India before putting down these permanent roots.

"I met Lauren one year into her farm," she added.

Lauren got a degree in soil science at HSU in 2011. "I knew I wanted to work with the land," she said.

She spent two summers interning on farms in Vermont and Nova Scotia. It was at the second farm that she decided to focus on flowers.

"That farm sold lots of edible flowers to fine restaurants in Halifax," she said.

Eventually the Sweet Fields Farm booth will have bags or scoopable bins of edible flowers such as bachelor's buttons, calendulas and Johnny Jump Ups, all delicious additions to salads or wonderful garnishes for desserts.

After graduating, Lauren worked with Eddie Tanner at DeepSeeded Community Farm for five years and with Shail Pec-Crouse at Tule Fog Farm for six years.



❖ AT THE MARKET
Janine Volkmar



PUTTING DOWN ROOTS Emilee Quackenbush, left, and Lauren Quackenbush of Sweet Fields Farm.

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Both Tanner and Pec-Crouse were Economic Fuel Challenge grant recipients.

"They helped me so much, going through my business plan and advising me," she explained.

Lauren won the "grand prize of \$25,000" in the last year of the program. She used the money for deer fencing, a tractor, a greenhouse, and a cold storage room and she was on her way.

"It's been such a journey," Emilee said. "It's that way for many farmers. We feel we are at a happy sweet point in our lives."

Lauren seconded that emotion. "I love our farm community and as a woman, a queer woman, I haven't found any other community to be so supportive. I'm so grateful," she said.

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Enjoy oysters & more at May 26 kickoff reception

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – Arcata Main Street Oyster Festival hosts its second annual oyster fest kickoff reception Thursday, May 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Jacoby's Storehouse Plaza View Room at 791 Eighth St. in Arcata.

Oyster farmers from Humboldt Bay will be shucking oysters on the half shell. There will also be appetizers from Plaza Grill and a no-host bar.

Marine Applied Research & Exploration (MARE), which supports healthy oceans, will present photos and video of its deep-sea research.

Oyster Fest poster designs from Humboldt State University's 2016 Advanced Illustration students will be on display along with vintage Oyster Fest and Plaza artwork. Proceeds from the event will benefit Arcata Main Street's new Plaza Watershed Program. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Arcata Main Street's office at 761 8th St. and at the door.

The event is co-sponsored by Pacific Seafoods, with oysters being donated, shucked and presented by Coast Seafood, Humboldt Bay Oyster Co., Aqua-Rodeo Farms, North Bay Shellfish and Hog Island Oyster Co.

"The magic of this event is the chance to meet the farmers and learn more about the benefits of shellfish farming in Humboldt Bay," said Nancy Stephenson, event organizer.

Arcata Main Street has been cultivating local culture through Oyster Fest for over 25 years. The evening will focus on what makes Humboldt Bay unique, and how the Arcata Bay Oyster Festival became the largest one-day festival in Humboldt County.

"I am also particularly excited to introduce the work of MARE – a small non-profit involved in marine research," Stephenson said. "MARE supports a healthy ocean by collecting information on deep-sea ecosystems using remote controlled robotic technology. MARE will be sharing HD photos and video as well as stories of the deep."

Arcata Main Street's Plaza Watershed Program will be introduced, with information about its initial projects – tree planting along Jolly Giant Creek, and helping keep the Plaza streets and storm drains clean.

The Arcata Bay Oyster Festival will be on Saturday, June 18.



❖ ARCATA FARMERS' MARKET

Historic walking tour this Saturday

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Historic Sites Society of Arcata (HSSA) members will lead an hour-long Arcata historic walking tour from the Arcata Farmers' Market at noon Saturday, May 21. Walkers will start from the Arcata Historic Landmarks Committee and HSSA table near the Arcata Plaza's northwest corner.

Tour-goers will walk from the Plaza past the Lindsey House at 55 East Seventh St. then to the Phillips House on the corner of Union and Seventh streets.

The tour will last about an hour and start with the Plaza's colorful history and end with Phillips House's story.

The walking pace will be leisurely. Everyone is welcome to this free tour in celebration of National Historic Preservation Month.

National Historic Preservation Month is a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This year's theme is "This Place Matters!" During the month of May, everyone is welcome to see historic preservation displays in the Arcata City Hall lobby, 736 F St., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Learn more about National Historic Preservation Month at cityofarcata.org/698/May-is-Historic-Preservation-Month.



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WESTHAVEN WATER BOARD The regular monthly meeting of the Westhaven Community Services District Board of Directors will be held today, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 Sixth Ave.in Westhaven. In addition to the regular monthly financial reports, the board will also discuss a water tank project, water mains project and the annual newsletter. For a full agenda and more information call the WCSD at (707) 677-0798 or email wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com.



MCK REC COMMITTEE The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) announces two regular voting member vacancies and one alternate member vacancy on the Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC). The purpose

of the RAC is to make recommendations to the MCSD Board of Directors regarding plans, policies, programs and projects relating to McKinleyville's parks, facilities, open space maintenance zones and recreation activities. The current vacancy terms are for two years. Members must be residents within the MCSD service area and are appointed by the MCSD Board of Directors. Interested individuals should file a letter of application that states their interests and qualifications. Letters of application may be mailed to the MCSD, attn. Lesley Frisbee, P.O. Box 2037, McKinleyville, CA 95519. RAC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the MCSD Conference Room, 1656 Sutter Rd. in McKinleyville.

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GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	today, May 18 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Building behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtbay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, June 9 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, May 24 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, June 8 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html

Fr. Freed’s sisters have last word

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – One by one, standing in a Humboldt County Superior Courtroom, Father Eric Walter Freed’s sisters voiced their wrath and anguish at their cherished brother’s convicted murderer, Gary Lee Bullock, 46, of Redway.

Bullock sat handdog and handcuffed in the jury box in a neon orange jumpsuit for his sentencing May 11, staring down at the floor, his puffy-jowled face reddening at times as the three women held forth. He uttered no word of remorse, responding only “Yes, your honor” when Judge John T. Feeney asked if he waived his right to review his probation report five days before his sentencing.

Concluding the lurid and brutal murder case that drew international headlines on New Year’s Day, 2014, each sister read aloud her victim impact statement, reviling the murder and memorializing the revered St. Bernard Catholic Parish priest, teacher and intellectual who was a young 56 when he died in a paroxysm of flailing violence. Bullock beat Freed to death with a piece of iron pipe and a wood stake, tortured him with a broken beer glass, tried to burn his body in alcohol-soaked blankets, then stole his car and fled.

A large-screen monitor in the front of the courtroom displayed a large four-color image of Freed’s tombstone next to a bouquet of brightly colored flowers as the court heard each of the victim impact statements in quick succession.

Addressing Bullock directly from the gallery just a few feet away, Lisa Weinke began, “You made a choice that has brought our families together,” a choice that claimed the life of “a man who believed in love and peace,” a priest who was “dedicated to compassion for all humanity.”

Freed would have shown compassion for you, Weinke avowed. “You snuffed out his light.”

But in the wake of his barbaric death, she said, many more lights illumine the community in his place, lights that will shine forth “with his teachings and with his work to relieve suffering.”

Weinke spoke mercifully. “I pray for you and your fam-

ily, for they now have lost a son and a brother. However, they can visit you – I must go to a cemetery.” Seated behind her were Bullock’s mother, Carol Bruno, and stepfather John Bruno.

“I believe you should spend the rest of your life behind bars,” Weinke told Bullock, but “I pray for your salvation, as that is what Eric would want, what *I* want. God is just waiting to forgive – and he will. But again, it’s your choice” to ask for divine forgiveness.

In graphic contrast to Weinke’s embrace of her brother’s devotion to the Golden Rule, the priest’s twin sister, Karin Freed, denounced Bullock as “a waste of skin!” Hag-gard, gaunt and drawn, she recalled living on water and coffee for days after the slaying in the St. Bernard rectory. “To date I’m eating one meal a day,” she began, then eulogized her brother.

“You murdered a wonderful, decent man who enjoyed being a priest, who enjoyed life. Eric was very intelligent, a compassionate, kind-hearted, caring, giving man with a quick wit” who enjoyed books and learning.

“What you have done is unconscionable!” Karin Freed exclaimed, anguished. “What you have done to Eric, my twin, is pure evil. When you get to hell, you better beg the devil for mercy, because I don’t and I can’t!”

Lastly, Anita Freed, the priest’s stooped and infirm older sister, acknowledged that she and her brother had not been that close in childhood. But, poignantly, they had grown nearer each other in the last seven or eight months of his life.

“You had no right to take that chance from us, Mr. Scumbag,” she said indignantly, reading from her handwritten statement. “[My brother] cared for every member of his congregations and the students he taught [at Humboldt State University]. He would drop everything if a parishioner or a student needed him. You schmuck! You didn’t have to kill him! He probably would have given you the keys to his car, or maybe even a ride home.”

Leaning on a cane, placing a framed picture on the lectern of her brother snow skiing, nearly losing her composure at

times, Anita Freed cried out, “I don’t care a rat’s butt” for “how you were raised or what kind of family you had!” Yet, “I do feel sorry for them, especially your children. They have to go through the rest of their lives knowing their father is a murderer and torturer. Nice role model, dirt bag!”

She ended, “The good thing is my brother Eric will not be forgotten; however, you, scumbag, you will be!”

Judge Feeney extended sympathy to each of the sisters in turn. As expected, he then sentenced Bullock to two consecutive life sentences without parole, not only for bludgeoning the defenseless priest to death, but also for torturing him and committing a series of related felonies, including two counts of attempted arson (he tried to burn down the rectory as well as Freed’s body), first degree burglary and carjacking.

District Attorney Maggie Fleming delivered the state’s summation on behalf of Deputy District Attorney Andrew Isaac, who prosecuted the case and drew up the sentencing report.

Underscoring Bullock’s guilt, Fleming read aloud the transcript of a jail visitation call between Carol Bruno and her son.

“It’s up to the judge now,” Bullock was recorded as saying. “He’s gonna give me that [sentence]; that’s what I’m getting, 50 years to live without the possibility of parole. That’s what it works out to.”

“But you automatically get to have an appeal,” his mother said. “Yeah, but why am I gonna appeal it?” Bullock replied. “There’s nothing to appeal.”

“Well, we’ll see,” Bruno answered.

“I’m guilty, I’m in the wrong,” Bullock admitted.

Despite that private admission, the convicted murderer never once expressed remorse, Fleming told the court.

Echoing Weinke’s point about Bullock’s deliberate and calculated course of action, Fleming said, “He made the choice to destroy a life and a [parish] community.”

Compounding the horror and the sacrilege of the priest’s murder was the consecrated house which Bullock traduced, Fleming noted pointedly.

“For years, the rectory has served as a safe place where people turned for refuge. It is in this house that the defendant chose to break in and kill.”

Cross | 241-year-old Spanish cross ended up in a box in a storage unit

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after Hezeta left his legacy on Trinidad Head.

It was curiosity that led Cox to the chase not long after starting an internship at the Trinidad Museum and being introduced to the facility.

“The object was in a box sitting on the floor,” Cox said recalling her initial tour of the Trinidad Museum. “You couldn’t really tell what it was ... It was a hokey box.”

Trinidad Museum Society president Patti Fleschner told Cox it was the supposed remnants of the cross installed on the well-known headland by the Spanish explorers.

Cox’s project for her internship – one that continued after the internship was complete – was born. She set out to find out if those ragged, aged wood pieces were really part of the Spanish cross.

The search took two pathways – an exhaustive search of any related records and documents and a scientific analysis of the wood.

In 1775, Cox said, the Spanish sent two ships to survey and map the West Coast and, of course, claim land for Spain. Hezeta, captaining the Santiago, headed south from St. George’s Reef and landed in Trinidad Harbor on Jan. 9, 1775 where he and his crew remained until June 19, 1775.

It was on June 11 of that year that Hezeta followed a formal process of claiming the land for King Charles III of Spain. Cox said the first Catholic mass celebrated on the West Coast took place during that ceremony.

Centuries later, three alleged pieces of that cross remained.

“Two of the smaller pieces,” she said, “were highly degraded and there wasn’t much to work with. But the larger piece gave me some hope.”

Cox then went back to the university and worked with Allyson Carroll of the HSU

Department of Forestry and Wildland Resources to attempt to date the wood with the use of dendrochronology, the study of tree growth rings. In simplest terms, the growth rings of the wood pieces were compared with growth rings of trees confirmed to have come from the time of the cross’ installation. Environmental factors, of course, affect the rate of a tree’s growth – a pattern reflected in the size of the growth rings. It was a bit challenging, Cox said, with only 132 growth rings to work with in the largest and most intact fragment.

By finding like characteristics between trees from that time period and the wood believed to have come from the cross, the researchers were able to narrow the wood fragment’s origins to between 1580 and 1711.

“These dates meant the tree was alive during those years,” Cox said.

Essentially, the results confirmed that it was possible that the fragments were from the original cross.

Part of determining the fragments’ date involved a close examination of the nail fragments left behind.

The remains of the 12 nails were present in the wood fragments. The nails were iron, square, had tapered points, and were possibly handcrafted between the mid-1700s and early 1800s, Cox said.

The next step was reviewing documents related to the cross, known in the field as ethnohistoric research. That search revealed that the cross’ remains were presented to the Eureka Woman’s Club in 1924, 11 years after the Woman’s Club installed the granite cross that still stands on Trinidad Head. A *Humboldt Times* article on the cross’ installation revealed that Anne Zane Murray chaired the committee in charge of the new cross. It was a fact that would later be helpful in Cox’s exploration.

Cox also discovered that the Eureka

Woman’s Club donated its collection of historic relics to the Eureka Veterans’ Memorial Building in 1933 or 1934. It appears the cross remnants were part of that donation.

Although Cox was unable to find any reference to that donation in the local newspapers of 1934 – *The Humboldt Times* and *The Humboldt Standard* – a review of the publications from 1933 helped. In December 1933, *The Humboldt Times* reported that the Eureka Woman’s Club and the Society of Humboldt County Pioneers purchased a “suitable case” for historic relics to be displayed in the Veterans’ Memorial Building

Cox recounted her next step, visiting the Eureka Veterans’ Memorial Building, as slightly less than illuminating – at least in the beginning. Present-day staff were unaware that the H Street hall had once housed a museum, she said. A tiny storage room in the basement was more helpful.

“Behind an old roll-away bed, there was a box that had old records,” she said. “I did find a memo (noting) that the museum room was not generating a lot of money and not drawing a lot of visitors.”

That situation led to the facility’s closure in 1950. No records were found explaining the pieces’ move from the Veterans’ Memorial Building to the Clarke Historical Museum nor where the pieces were housed in the interim. Eureka High School teacher Cecile Clarke opened the museum at its present site in 1960.

Former Clarke Historical Museum curator Pam Service happened upon the pieces decades later.

“She just found the box in one of their storage units and gave it to the Trinidad Museum in 2010,” Cox said.

But, a subsequent visit to the Humboldt County Historical Society’s research room provided a little bit more clarity and



TRINIDAD HEAD This granite cross was erected on Trinidad Head in 1913 and still stands there today.

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brought in Eureka Woman’s Club committee chair Murray’s recollection into the story. The chair of the 1913 cross installation committee wrote in her memoir, Cox said, that the remains of the original cross were found during construction of the road to the top of Trinidad Head, a necessary step for installing the granite cross. Murray’s 1941 autobiography indicated that the pieces resided in the museum collection at the Eureka Veterans’ Memorial Building.

Cox also said she uncovered a 1983 *Trinidad News & Views* column by Sybil M. Jamieson that said the remnants were part of the Clarke Museum, later renamed the Clarke Historical Museum.

Both Jamieson and Cox noted that British Capt. George Vancouver, who visited Trinidad Bay in 1793, reported that the original cross still stood.

Those interested in viewing the wooden remnants may do so by visiting the Trinidad Museum, 400 Janis Court, during open hours, Thursday through Sunday, 12:30 to 4 p.m. A full copy of Cox’s report is also posted on the Trinidad Museum’s website, trinidadmuseum.org, under permanent exhibits.



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Arcata council to consider ADA bus stop improvements

Jessie Faulkner
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Staff from Arcata’s Engineering Department will present plans at today’s Arcata City Council meeting to make several of the bus stops more accessible to those with disabilities. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at 736 F St. in Arcata.

City staff has been working with Humboldt County Association of Governments’ Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to prioritize bus stops needing work countywide.

SSTAC presented a prioritization list on May 4. Those priorities will be added to the city’s own list that has been in development since 2012.

SSTAC’s priorities are based on sites without sidewalks; sites without lands and sites without landing pads.

The city’s first improvements were part of the Valley East and Valley West rehabilitation project.

Currently, according to Assistant City Engineer Netra Khatri’s staff report, the focus is on the 2015 Concrete and Asphalt Improvements Project, which includes 15 bus stops.

“The highest criteria for most of these locations is making them fully accessible, which typically involves the construction of a bus stop bulb out to increase the

depth of sidewalk,” according to the staff report “or bus pad area to allow for the deployment of the bus ramp.”

In a related matter, the city council will consider a resolution authorizing grant applications to California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to cover improvements for the bus stops. In the past, those OES funds were channeled through the Humboldt County Association of Governments.

Cal OES funding will be used for the next phase of improvements, which includes bus stops at Sixth and H streets; Fifth and G streets, Greenview Market, 18th and G streets, Mad River Community Hospital near Edith and Janes roads and moving an existing bus stop from 12th and G streets to 13th and G streets. The latter is intended to create more acceptable slopes and bring the bus stop closer to the shopping area, according to the staff report.

SSTAC has also identified needed work at the bus stops at the Lazy J/Mad River Garden site and West End Road near Spear Avenue, according to Khatri’s staff report.

In other business, the council will hold a public hearing on a resolution to adopt the 2015 Updated Urban Water Management Plan. State law requires that urban water suppliers, defined as those who provide water to more than 3,000 customers, complete an urban water plan and update that plan every five years. The last plan update was approved in 2011. According to the staff report, updating the city’s Urban Water Management Plan is necessary to be eligible for loans or grants from the state Department of Water Resources and the state Water Resources Control Board.

A full copy of the draft Updated Urban Water Management Plan is available at cityofarcata.org as part of the city council agenda packet. Among the provisions of that plan are projected future water use, water losses, plans for water shortage and more.

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rise to a public perception that you sit in recliners all day and wait for a fire call. That’s not the case, but it’s a perception that’s very hard to overcome.”

Hard too because of a small town cliché, the sentimental and antiquated notion that the local fire brigade is an assembly of amateur volunteers who run out the shop door and climb on the engines when the fire siren goes off on the town square. The quaint image would make for a Norman Rockwell painting.

The Arcata Fire Department has 38 volunteers currently, 21 line staff and four chief officers. However, volunteers require a great deal of training with advances in fire science and fire behavior and a federal mandate that requires more staffing.

Also salient, Cowan says, as the tracking data show, “Firefighting is a smaller component of what we do than it was 20 years ago.”

In light of the broadening service role, Seattle’s fire chief refers to his crews as “community service professionals.”

Hence, new recruits must now be first responders who are skilled at administering emergency medical services. In McDonald’s words, they must know how to attach a defibrillator to a cardiac arrest victim quickly and efficiently.

Such demands add more and more hours to recruit training, making it harder for volunteers to get away from their full time jobs and donate their services. “The vast majority of our recruitment now comes from Humboldt State because it’s much easier for students to juggle their school and training schedules than it is for older, full employment volunteers,” McDonald explained.

The retiring Cowan, who has given 25 years of service to the district, including three years as chief, says modernization has changed the job dramatically during his tenure. As the 1990s opened, the department had seven firefighters working shifts; today there are 21. There were two stations then, there are three now. These days, two or three people are assigned to an engine instead of one.

Modernization has done more than accentuate the need for greater manpower. Notably it has changed the culture of firefighting, Cowan believes. He says old school orthodoxy was “race to the scene, charge in, get close to the fire and try to suppress it right away, essentially with brute force.

“Now it’s finesse and control. We focus on air flow paths through open windows and doors that allow a free flow of oxygen, causing the fire to build. Knowledge and understanding of the supply of oxygen, the volume of heat being expelled, control of all the entry and egress points – this puts the premium on the safety of both the firefighters and anyone else inside. It makes for faster entries and speedier rescues of the potential victims.”

The change in the culture emanates in part from strides in fire science, which has a much larger role in 21st century cadet training, although U.S. recruit classes allocate only hours to the subject, while in Sweden, for example, days and even weeks are devoted to it.

“We’re way behind,” Cowan said. For example, “we’re learning again from our friends in Europe that the old badge of honor for firefighters of a dirty helmet and dirty [gear] – all that material is off-gassing. It’s not good for your body, not good to be exposed to it. So now we’re adopting practices in a training burn or a fire to set up a station where firefighters, as soon as they come out, can get that gear off, clean themselves, wash that stuff off, bag up their gear before they go back to the [main] station, and really protect themselves from long-term exposure.”

McDonald says scientific knowledge is indispensable. Volunteers and career firefighters alike must understand not only the physics of fire behavior, but also the mechanics of deployments and operations, among them the proper deployment of hoses as well as manpower.

Firefighting requires mind as well as muscle. “These skills are no longer paycheck-dependent, every single firefighter must have them,” he asserts.

The need for more personnel – which means higher budgets – reflects not only the demand for increased professionalism and the climbing number of calls, but

stringent government mandates. Foremost among them in recent years has been a requirement imposed by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

In shorthand, the rule is known as “two-in/two-out,” McDonald said. For every two firefighters deployed at a blaze, OSHA ordered that two backups must be standing by to rescue the frontline fighters if they get into trouble inside. The frontliners are allowed to commence action outdoors, but must delay entering a building, where the dangers are greatest, until either a second truck arrives or two more additional personnel are on site. McDonald says public awareness of requirements like these is part of his mission as the new chief. He plans to get on the “speaking circuit” with civic and professional clubs like Kiwanis and Rotary, so that his department and its many responsibilities are not what he called “the best kept secret in town.”

“I must continually educate the community about why it needs to support this organization with its tax dollars,” he said. “It is an indispensable public service beyond fighting fires and answering emergency medical calls; it is customer service as well as public service.”

In line with that, the departing Cowan recalled being summoned to rescue a horse stranded in Strawberry Creek in McKinleyville. Partnering with a local vet, animal control and the Sheriff’s Office, Arcata firefighters helped to dislodge the steed by wrapping fire hoses under its belly and hoisting it free.

Chuckling, Cowan observed puckishly, “There is no [class] at recruit academy where they focus on pulling horses out of creeks. You get thrown every problem in this job, every oddball emergency, anytime of day or night. You can’t show up and say, ‘I’m all out of ideas, someone else will have to deal with it.’ *You* must deal with it.”

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of time and thousands of dollars getting ready for the season. “You’re all dressed up and ready to go,” Rotwein said. The season didn’t start as scheduled and there was no money coming in, just bills.

Although the shortened season won’t make up for those losses, at least some money will be made. As of May 13, wholesale buyers were paying fishermen \$2.90 a pound, and that amount was expected to increase this week and

through the season, which continues until July 15.

The retail price of last week at Cap’n Zach’s was \$5.99 a pound. A whole crab averages roughly two pounds.

“We provide the fresh, sweet, succulent Dungeness crab, which is the best in the entire country,” Rotwein said. Cap’n Zach’s is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.



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Standoff ends in suicide

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HUMBOLDT HILL – An elderly man shot himself in the head and died after a tense standoff with law enforcement on Wednesday, May 11.
The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office was called to Sunshine Way in the Humboldt Hill area at 6:15 p.m. after receiving a call from a woman who said that her elderly husband was threatening to kill her.
When a deputy arrived, he contacted the woman and communicated with her husband, who was behind a bedroom door. The deputy, who became concerned that the man might be in possession of a firearm, retreated from the residence and called for backup. Deputies arrived and established a perimeter around the residence. They also confirmed that no one else, other than the man, was in the house.
Deputies tried to negotiate with the man and get him to surrender. Without warning, the wheelchair-bound man came out of the house onto the front porch, holding a firearm. The man alternately pointed the gun at himself and deputies as the negotiations continued.

"The subject told deputies he had no intention of surrendering, and they would have to kill him," states a press release from the Sheriff's Office. Deputies on scene called for additional resources, which included the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), the Criminal Investigations Division, medical personnel and mental health. The California Highway Patrol and Eureka Police Department also sent officers to assist. CNT negotiated with the gun-wielding subject for some time until he made some suicidal statements and abruptly hung up the phone.
Moments later, personnel on scene heard a muffled gunshot from within the residence.
SWAT personnel eventually breached open the front doors to introduce the remote-controlled robot for further search and communication capabilities. Upon breaching the second door, SWAT personnel discovered the subject in the living room with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Medical personnel were called in, and the subject was transported to St. Joseph Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. The residence was secured, and no other parties were injured during this incident.

Cig store robber caught

MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – A 19-year-old Hoopa man was arrested Thursday evening, May 12 after he allegedly threatened pedestrians in downtown Arcata and then unsuccessfully tried to rob a cigarette store in the Uniontown Plaza Shopping Center.
Arcata Police were called at 5:50 p.m. to a report of a disturbance at the corner of Ninth and G streets. An officer arrived and learned that a male in a black BMW sedan had pulled up and threatened people walking in the area.
The male driver of the vehicle was reported to have stated that he had a gun. Several times, the suspect reached into the waistband area of his pants, as if to grab it. Witnesses told the officer that the suspect was last seen driving northbound on G Street.
At 7:59 p.m. the Arcata Police Department received a report of an attempted robbery having just occurred at Cheaper Cigarettes at 600 F St. The suspect description matched the description in the earlier call.
The investigation revealed that the suspect entered the store and demanded the clerk go into the back room. The suspect told the clerk that he had a gun and kept his hand under his shirt, near his waistband.
The clerk told the officers that he was fearful of going into the back room with the suspect, so he refused. The suspect continued to threaten the clerk and attempted to physically push him towards the back room, but the clerk refused go with the suspect. The suspect became frustrated and left the store.
An HSU Police officer located a vehicle matching the description of the suspect's vehicle in the 1800 block of G Street. Arcata Police responded to that area and with the assistance of HSU PD officers conducted a high risk stop on the vehicle.
The driver was identified as Warren Sloan, 19, of Hoopa. Sloan was arrested on suspicion of robbery and making terrorist threats. Warren was booked and lodged into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

Shooting suspect arrested

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FIELDS LANDING – On Tuesday, May 10 at about 8:45 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of shots fired in the 6700 block of Harrison Avenue in Fields Landing. It was reported that a male suspect was in the street with a handgun and had shot at another male subject.
Upon arrival, deputies detained several possibly involved subjects and located several possible witnesses. During this time, the firearm used during the shooting was located in a nearby residence. Based on the investigation conducted on scene, deputies arrested the 36-year-old male suspect, Stephen James Simpson.
Simpson was taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked for exhibiting a firearm, willfully discharging a firearm and an outstanding warrant for assault with a deadly weapon. His bail was set at \$25,000. No one was injured as a result of the shooting.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at 707-268-2539.



Stephen James Simpson

Aggressive fox was rabid

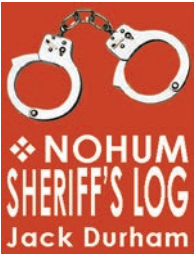
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FORTUNA – A fox believed to have bitten a Fortuna teen and behaved aggressively at two locations tested positive for rabies in test performed on May 12 at the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Public Health Laboratory in Eureka.
The two incidents took place in the 6500 block of Rohnerville Road. Investigators believe the same fox was likely involved in both encounters.
The fox reportedly bit the teenager shortly after chasing a neighbor's cat and running into a house. The fox then reportedly charged a homeowner, who shot the animal in the head. The teenager has received prophylactic treatment. No one else was injured.
Experts say rabies is always present in the wildlife population throughout Humboldt County, especially among skunks, bats and foxes. Preventive measures include avoiding contact with wild and stray animals, bringing pet foods indoors at night, reporting animal bites to your county or municipal animal control officer, and if you are bitten, washing the bite immediately with soap and water and seeking medical attention.
Public Health officials stressed the importance of fully vaccinating domestic animals against rabies, including dogs, cats and select livestock. Reduced-cost vaccinations are available throughout the county. A list of discounted vaccination clinics through the middle of June is posted on DHHS's Facebook page at [facebook.com/humcodhhs](https://www.facebook.com/humcodhhs).
Questions about rabies may be directed to the DHHS Division of Environmental Health at (707) 445-6215 or toll free at 1 (800) 963-9241.

Home invasion shootout

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
FIELDBROOK – On Wednesday, May 11 at 3:16 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of a home invasion that had just occurred on the 1100 block of Sawdust Trail in Fieldbrook. It was reported that the male victim and male suspect both had firearms and shot at each other multiple times.
Upon arrival, deputies met with the male victim and female victim. The victims told deputies a male suspect entered their residence. The male victim and the suspect shot at each other multiple times. The victims told deputies the suspect then fled the residence.
Deputies searched the area and were unable to locate the suspect. The victims were unsure if items were taken. The victims did not receive gunshot wounds due to the shooting. There was no evidence indicating the suspect was injured. This case is currently under investigation by the Sheriff's Office.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

'Nothing' was something

• **Wednesday, May 4, 7:33 p.m.** A man standing in front of the Ray's Food Place in McKinleyville with a bad head wound was well-known to deputies due to his abrasive behavior. He refused to cooperate with deputies trying to find out who assaulted him. The victim was transported to a local hospital.
• **Thursday, May 5 5:37 p.m.** A 15-year-old male said that his 14-year-old aunt had "got into the liquor and was drunk." Not only that, she was allegedly screaming and breaking things, and then got hold of a knife. When the boy tried to take the knife away from his aunt, he was cut.
• **Friday, May 6 4:29 p.m.** Over on Cottonwood Street near Holly Drive, a car was pulled over. The owner, who had two warrants, was found to be in possession of black tar heroin. This suspect was cited and released.
• **Saturday, May 7 10:52 a.m.** At Samoa Beach, a dog attacked another dog. The owners separated the dogs, but then it happened again. And then again. The owner of the dog who was the victim of the attack was bitten while breaking up the fight. The poor victim dog suffered extensive wounds. The owner of the vicious dog took responsibility and was cooperative, according to the Sheriff's Office.
• **Sunday, May 8, 11:14 a.m.** A deputy pulled over a vehicle with an expired registration on Washington Avenue in McKinleyville. The driver, Charles Voight, wore a loose-fitting hooded sweatshirt with an open front pocket. Inside the pocket, and clearly visible to the deputy, was a plastic baggie containing white powder. The deputy asked Voight what it was, and he responded "Nothing." The deputy asked the man if he could look in his pocket, and the suspect consented. Voight was cited on suspicion of being in possession of meth, and then was released.



The case of the remorseful robber

• **Sunday, April 17 4:49 p.m.** At some point in the night, a thief busted a skylight to enter a construction business and abscond with two jewelry boxes.
• **4:59 p.m.** Slithy toves got their sticky fingers on two duffel bags that had been left overnight in the back of a truck.
• **7:09 p.m.** Hey, man, you know how you lent me your car? So, I left the keys in it and now it's gone.
• **10:13 p.m.** He's been breaking plates, cursing and punching his vehicle all day and he may be armed with a pellet gun.
• **Monday, April 18 10:59 a.m.** In what may become known as robber's remorse, a despondent woman called to report that she had been caught stealing some medicine from a G Street drug store.
• **1:04 p.m.** A fellow with short curly hair wearing a black and orange vest and black shorts at a kid-occupied Redwood Park playground exposed his other short 'n' curls while yelling obscenities.
• **11:21 p.m.** A man practiced his Taser skills behind a Valley West grocery store, freaking out nearby dogs.
• **Tuesday, April 19 6:47 a.m.** A pink and black bike with lopsided handlebars was stolen from a porch.
• **7:36 a.m.** If you're going to sack out in someone's back yard, why not set up a hammock?
• **9:23 a.m.** A perplexed 'possum prowled.
• **11:13 a.m.** A concerned passerby reported that a purple, blue and white J. Roche "pregnance counseling van" parked near a high school, deployed tables, chairs and flag, but no business license or encroachment permit.
• **12:09 p.m.** A young man in dark clothes knocked on every door on Hill and Spring, "soliciting" for a gas company.
• **1:02 p.m.** Drug sales in an alleyway. Film at 11.



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Supes majority don't want cap on pot dispensaries

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County supervisors have agreed to resume work on a draft ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries without setting a cap on the number of them.

Decision-making on the draft ordinance advanced further at the May 10 Board of Supervisors meeting. The dispensary ordinance emerged several years ago and was put on hold due to federal pressure.

But the legal atmosphere has changed with the state's recent approval of a licensing system. Approval of a dispensary ordinance will be accompanied by rescinding the ban on new dispensaries that was approved at the height of the federal clampdown.

At last week's meeting, a majority of supervisors voted to direct staff to return with a version of the ordinance that removes a 15-dispensary cap and a Request for Proposals application system.

Instead, the draft ordinance will call for a conventional Conditional Use Permit process for approval of new dispensaries. During a public comment period, many of those involved in the medical marijuana industry recommended giving it enough leeway to thrive. Industry advocate Luke Bruner told supervisors that Humboldt "risks being economically wiped out" by Oakland.

"They've openly stated, they're here to eat our lunch," Bruner said, adding that the city has adopted a license-based system that allows cottage industry such as "bud and breakfast" tourist businesses.

Representatives of marijuana advocacy groups also highlighted the potential for regulating tourist-serving businesses, saying it would support small-scale farming, generate tax revenue and prevent the emergence of unregulated activity.

Management employees of the Hummingbird Healing Center, a dispensary that is seeking to open in McKinleyville, urged supervisors to act quickly to allow new dispensaries.

But retired doctor George Jutila warned against permissiveness, saying he has seen "a generation of youth destroyed by marijuana."

Marilyn Jerkovich, director of the Arcata-based Humboldt Patient Resource Center dispensary, disagreed with Jutila and said regulation is key to legitimizing the industry.

But she suggested that local capacity may be limited, saying, "We take care of all of Humboldt County with two other dispensaries and we're not so busy that we can't take care of people."

The board recently approved a commercial medical marijuana ordinance that covers other aspects and Supervisor Estelle Fennell said both it and the dispensary ordinance can be modified if needed. And she put forth a challenge to advocates of small-scale marijuana production. "I challenge those people to come into compliance," she said. "I challenge those people to come in to the Planning Department and start the process."

Supervisor Rex Bohn had doubts about removing the cap from the ordinance.

"Liquor licenses have caps," he said, adding that even with a limited number of dispensaries, the county is fulfilling patients' needs.

"I've never had anybody in Humboldt County say they're having a hard time getting their medicine – seriously," said Bohn. Most supervisors supported a motion by Fennell to have staff return with an updated draft ordinance minus the cap on dispensary numbers. Bohn was the only supervisor to vote against it and Supervisor Virginia Bass said that her vote in support of it does not mean that she will ultimately support removal of the cap.

County planners said it will take about six weeks for the revised ordinance to return for consideration. They also said the so-called "bud and breakfast" permitting is best left to a future phase.



MOVE IN DAY Board members, staff and volunteers performed the annual ritual of Move In Day at the Arcata Ballpark on a beautiful Sunday, May 15. A truckload was brought from the storage unit, and outfield banners and other signs were hung, pop-up tents were popped up, the media booth was tuned up, the concession stand was readied, and everything was cleaned until it sparkled. Top left, the outfield fence is prepped. Top right, Randy Barthman shows off his "Breaking Crab" attire. Bottom left, Head Coach Tyson Fisher's wife Kacy with Beckston Fisher. Bottom right, a group of staff that make the season possible. The 2016 season opens with a Fan Fest on Thursday, June 2 from 5 to 8 p.m., and the Crabbies first game will be against the South Bay Sliders on Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Visit humboldtcrabs.com for more information.

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Learn to grow wine grapes in Humboldt

HUMBOLDT STATE

ARCATA – Humboldt County "home-grown" takes on a whole new meaning in "Viticulture 101," the second of four courses in the From Vine to Table: Humboldt Wine Studies Certificate Program being offered through Humboldt State's College of eLearning and Extended Education.

"Viticulture 101" takes place Thursday, May 19 through Saturday May 21, beginning at Crush Wine Bar in Arcata and culminating with a trip to Willow Creek to visit Humboldt County's only designated American Viticulture Area (AVA).

Winemaker and viticulturist Wil Franklin, the course instructor, describes the class as an interactive and hands-on chance to learn best practices in vineyard establishment and management.

"If you are thinking about planting grape vines in Humboldt, this course will expose you to all the important factors in the decision making process of development and maintenance of a working vineyard," Franklin explained. "And it will focus on the organic and sustainable practices suitable for Humboldt's unique growing conditions."

Viticulture 101 kicks off on Thursday, May 19 with a meet-and-greet reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Crush Wine Bar, 1001 H St. in Arcata. On Friday, May 20, classroom instruction takes place at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr. in Eureka from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wine-tasting designed to highlight vineyard influences is included.

Saturday's May 21 field trip to Willow Creek includes visits to

Winnett Vineyards and Gardner Ranch, two of Humboldt County's premium grape-growing properties.

Two additional From Vine to Table: Humboldt Wine Studies courses will be offered this fall, to complete the series. They are "Wine Sensory Evaluation and Service" with Pam Long and "Marketing Wine in Humboldt County and Beyond" with Elizabeth Hans McCrone.

These courses focus on improving general wine knowledge through formal, guided wine-tasting experiences and learning successful business strategies by building a loyal customer base and developing a recognizable wine brand.

For registration and more information, call (707) 826-3731 or visit humboldt.edu/extended.

Pacific Crest Trail quest temporarily suspended while feet recover

I ended my last report for the *Union* with, "Feets, don't fail me now!" That wasn't fair. I failed them; not they me.

I've had to suspend my vaunted Pacific Crest Trail hike because of a case of plantar fasciitis (PF). It's a not-uncommon and treatable foot malady; one of the many afflictions long-distance hikers come down with, especially in the first few weeks on trail.

Since inducing this condition in myself, I have been surprised at how many people I know have experience with this condition. If you haven't had PF, it basically makes you say "Ow" every time you take a step.

PF is inflammation of connective tissue in the heel. It can include tearing, but fortunately I stopped hiking (at mile 52.6) before it got that bad.

Among the things "they" say about the trail is that it sort of tells you what you're doing right and wrong. For example, what items you brought that you thought would be useful, but aren't at all and need to be sent home. That was certainly true for me, and Janine at the Mt. Laguna Post Office does a brisk business in sending home items that didn't survive aching PCT hikers' weight/benefit analyses.

The trail also identified holes in your planning. I thought I was being so darn smart by breaking in three sets of boots that would then be sent to me all ready to wear as their predecessors wore out. I'd wear a different set with each training hike in the Sunny Brae Forest.

In retrospect, what I should have done



was wear the same shoes day after day, just like I would be doing on the hike. Because once I did that, the flaws in the fit and the repetitive heel pounding due to inadequate insoles took their toll.

So, that aspect of my prep suffered from poor planning and negligence, and it came back to bite me. In my defense, I may have been less than careful on that score because never, in all my years of hiking, have I ever had any issues with my feet. But here I am.

I chose to hang out in the Bay Area so as to have access to world-class sports medicine facilities. Friday, I went to a big old (newish, that is) office building in Walnut Creek which houses the Center for Sports Medicine. The center has all the trappings of high-powered medicine – wide, carpeted halls, corporate art, high-tech machines and so on. As a proud American I am fully impressed by such externalities, but of course what really matters is the physician.

What do you want from a doctor? Oh, maybe to have the person take their time, listen to you, answer your questions, speak from experience and yet consider your situation on its own merits, explain all the possibilities and then make recommendations.

Laughing at your dumb jokes is kinda nice, too.

Meet Dr. Selina Shah. She did all that. First she let me describe my maniacal PCT aspirations, the tedious tale of what brought me hobbling to her doorstep, and what I'd like to do (resume hiking).

Then she did an ultrasound on my messed-up feet, showing me the inflamed

areas and confirming my tentative self-diagnosis of Plantar Fasciitis.

An ultrasound showed dark bands of inflammation remaining, and I can only imagine what they would have looked like a week ago – probably like a Spinal Tap album cover.

The good news is that there isn't any torn tissue. It's just inflamed. And Dr. Shah confirmed my speculation that gobbling so much pain-suppressing Ibuprofen as I did might well have allowed me to continue hiking past the point where I should have stopped.

She prescribed turmeric infusions, coffee bean extract supplements, Himalayan salt poultices, and homeopathic tinctures with complimentary crystal energy healing sessions. It turns out my chakras just need detoxing. That all seems kind of odd, but ... yeah, just kidding! This isn't Arcata.

What's next is home therapy with frozen water bottles and stretches, a night brace, twice-weekly physical therapy, a follow-up visit June 1 to track recovery progress, and – yes! – some moderate practice hikes.

Bottom line, if I do everything right and the feet cooperate, I could very well be back on trail this time next month. I sure hope that happens, because I need to honor all those who placed their faith in me and donated to my hike and the charities, and earn more per-mile pledges for the worthy causes.



DOCTOR, DOCTOR, GIMME THE NEWS Dr. Selina Shah examines Hoover's trail-battered feet. KLH | UNION

Plus, I had just acquired a taste for the sheer beauty, the physical exertion, the intensity of feelings and sharpened perceptions, the joy of problem solving and of course, those sweet, sweet hiker boys and girls (of all ages) who I met during my Campo-to-Julian foray. I just want to be able to hike without foot agony eclipsing all else. And if the timing works, I'll be able to re-meet many of the great folks I encountered during that all-too-brief interval!

So, thanks to your encouragement and advice, plus the crucial and timely assistance of several people whom I need to thank personally in the next post, plus of course my new medical mentor Dr. Shah and her excellent staff at the Center for Sports Medicine, the PCT dream is alive.

Follow Kevin's progress at crushallboxes.blogspot.com.

OPINION

Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they'll have to deal with in office. The candidates have up to 200 words to address the questions; anything beyond that is replaced by an ellipsis. Otherwise, the responses are unedited. – Ed.

What’s your favorite book or books and why, and favorite movies and why? What’s your idea of a good time, locally or elsewhere? If you had two weeks off and a travel voucher to pay for everything, where would you go and what would you do? If you were stuck on an island with a record player, and you could only have two albums, what would they be? Do you play a musical instrument? How well? (Answer any.)

My idea of a good day starts out with sleeping in a little with my wife. Having a breakfast with some of our home grown chicken eggs and Brio bread is a good way to fuel up. Taking a long hike with our dogs or horseback ride on one of our fantastic trails after hitting the farmers market is pretty ideal.

If it is mushrooming season we love to bring some home. Hopefully we have plans for a BBQ or some kind of dinner with some friends. We have some of the best chefs in the county as friends so it is always an incredible dinner of locally harvested food. If there is time after dinner to park on the couch with the “girls” and fall asleep to Netflix, we do that.

I did sort of play in a couple bands when I was young. Ballzee and Free Space. I wasn’t very good but they let me play bongo drums anyway as long as they were not recording.



I’ll pick “What’s your idea of a good time” and “Do you play a musical instrument?” They are intertwined for me.

I’ll start with the outdoors. Hiking and biking with my wife Laura and the kids is always on the list of good times. Fishing of all kinds is great, especially if I’m catching. Backpacking and fishing combined is the ultimate for me. The Trinities, Marble Mountain or the Russian Wilderness areas are my favorites. Family car-camping in Petrolia at A.W. Way Park on the Mattole River is always special and I really love road trips.

I can be an extrovert, so I do like crowds, too. It’s hard to beat a Crabs game on a warm summer evening especially if the Crab Grass Band is playing. I’m not much into big festivals but I do I like seeing bands in small venues. I like all kinds of music, but I can be picky sometimes. I grew up on punk and new wave and that’s still my “comfort food” music.

I like to play guitar, bass and some ukulele. I’ve played in local bands since 1982, including The Cutters.

To hear for yourself, go to: BlackjackHumboldt.com/mp3

❖ LETTERS

No right to refuse service

Thank you for your especially excellent May 11 edition. The combination of Paul Mann’s piece “County takes aim at racism” and Beth Isbell’s “A trans perspective” gave correlated insight on civil rights issues here and now.

There are many positive steps that need to be taken towards ending discrimination against individuals and classes who may differ in some way from someone else’s sense of the norm.

One small step that I take when possible is to respond to public accommodation businesses (e.g. restaurants, gas stations) that have posted a sign with the false claim “We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.” In California in 1959 the Unruh Civil Rights Act made such random discrimination illegal in public accommodations, with even broader protections than the U.S. civil Rights act did in 1964. A business of public accommodation can refuse service only for legitimate business reasons that are applied consistently to all patrons.

So when I see one of these signs I ask to speak with the owner or for the staff present to relay my message that the sign is a false claim, since 1959 in California, that only communicates to the public that the business owner has a policy of illegal discrimination. Such signs are hostile to customers and are not helpful for the business.

Whatever the steps may be that we each identify we can take when we encounter illegal or otherwise unconstitutional discrimination, I believe that in taking these steps we perform a service to our community. The “Our North Coast” initiative will almost certainly serve as a guide on our respective paths towards more just and equal communities here on the North Coast. Bravo.

Bruce LeBel
Arcata

Support a positive vision

I found the juxtaposition of two of your front page articles on May 4 quite ironic. On the one hand, great fanfare and excitement for the unveiling of the new McKinleyville Teen and Community Center. And on the other hand, the depressing and eye-opening data showing an alarming and growing suicide rate in Humboldt County.

As a society we need to focus on our youngsters and provide them with affordable, enriching, and empowering activities after school and during the summer. The vision of the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods states: “We envision healthy, empowered and engaged youth who appreciate and respect themselves, each other, their families, the community, and the environment.”

Please encourage and support these and other like-minded programs that will help keep kids from becoming a tragic statistic.

Lucy Salazar
Arcata

Julie likes Mike

Very few people are cut out to help us confront Humboldt’s looming challenges. Mike Wilson is the candidate for Third District Supervisor who is up to the job.

Working with Mike on the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission for the past several years, I have a close-up understanding of his accomplishments as we have addressed diverse economic development, from lending programs and livestock processing to airport services.

He has been a hands-on Humboldt Harbor Commissioner, from cleaning up a huge toxic mess at the old pulp mill to seeking funds for infrastructure repairs. There is nothing glamorous about this role, but someone had to do it. Mike did.

Mike Wilson is not all talk and no action. We have seen him lead, take risks, seek funding (over \$8 million) and make the changes needed to create an improved harbor and platform for new jobs and innovation. Each of these projects leads to increased aquaculture, boat repair and shipping local products and, ultimately, to jobs.

As a former Third District Supervisor myself, I know what the job requires. Mike does not waste time or money — he simply does the hard work. He has deep experience and is a great team player. He makes it all come together with a plan for the future combined with action in the present.

Please support him. This is one place where your vote really counts. Sincerely,

Julie Fulkerson
Trinidad

Kids play ball, grandparents cheer

The long dark winter of no baseball is over. Little League is back. As a loyal grandma, I’ve been to two games so far, both at the Arcata ballfield behind the CHP office. Wander down there on a game day and you will find games being played on each of the three fields. The ages of the players range from the 10-year-olds like my grandson on up to teens. Last year, we had a teen umpire for several games.

As the season progresses, the games will move around and some will be played in a Eureka ballpark near the zoo and at the state-of-the-art ball field in McKinleyville. You’ll want to check for gophers while you’re there.

My grandson is on the Viper team this year. Last year, he was a Tiger. This was somewhat disappointing to me as it took me well into the season to learn the names of all the players on the Tigers so I could cheer for them properly with shouts of “Get a hit, Humboldt” and “Strike ‘em out, Diego!” and so on. Now I must learn a whole new roster of names. These challenges are doubtless a good exercise for aging brains.

According to my grandson, Viper is a way cool name and he is happy to be on that team. The way it was explained to me is that they started with tryouts and then had a kind of draft and since Mason did well in the tryouts, the Vipers grabbed him. In this way, I guess Little League mirrors the professional teams. Unlike the professionals though, Little League is a volunteer effort. Parents do all the work of arranging the schedules, keeping the scores, coaching the players and running the snack bar. Snack bars are very important to the whole baseball ambience and patronizing the snack bars brings in a little money for the effort of keeping the games going.

It is important for grandparents at Little League games to have a stock of encouraging phrases to shout out to the players. Not just your own grandchild, but all of the players. This reduces competitiveness and encourages team spirit among the grandparents. Grandparents are encouraged to shout



out acknowledgements of the great things the players on the other team are doing as well.

When the Crabs season starts, many of the Little Leaguers will serve as bat boys or bat girls. They’ll go to Crabs Baseball Camp and enjoy watching Crabs games. And then there will be Fall Ball when all the Little Leaguers will be

seasoned players and the grandparents will have learned their names.

Mary Ella Anderson says it’s possible for a grandparent to attend the games whether or not their particular grandchild is playing the game. The more grannies the better.

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MONUMENTAL NEWS

BIG & BOLD Sometime this winter, Thunderbird, the character perched atop the World's Largest Totem Pole in McKinleyville, lost part of its hat. The square of copper plating first popped up in June 2012, giving Thunderbird what kind of looked like a dog's ear. But the piece flew off, perhaps during one of the recent windstorms. By the way, for those who are curious, the very top of the hat is exactly 144 ft., 8 inches up from the bottom of the totem pole, according to a survey conducted by Points West Surveying Co. The plaque at the bottom of the pole says that the pole 160 feet tall, which would include the elevation of the cement base on which it sits as well as the lightning rod that sticks out of Thunderbird's head. The McKinleyville Totem Pole, carved by the late Ernie Pierson and Johnny Nelson, is arguably one of the greatest works of art on the North Coast, and most certainly the largest. The totem pole was repainted by famed Humboldt County artist Duane Flatmo in 1998. It may be repainted again in 2018, according to Anne Pierson, owner of the McKinleyville Shopping Center. In other monument news, Paul Bunyan now resides in Manila at the soon-to-open Lighthouse Plaza. Mr. Bunyan is scheduled to get a complete makeover, transforming from a burly logger to a salty sailor to fit with the nautical theme of the miniature golf course that will be built along the store's eastern edge.

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County finance merger to go to vote

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County's main financial departments may be merged, with a single director heading them — a move that will require voter approval in the Nov. 8 election.

At its May 10 meeting, the Board of Supervisors supported merging the Treasurer-Tax Collector and Auditor-Controller offices into a single Department of Finance. Both of the existing offices are currently headed by elected officials. Supervisors agreed that the director of the new Department of Finance should also be elected.

County staff told supervisors that, according to California law, the merger and the establishment of an elected rather than appointed finance department head have to be approved by voters. Supervisors unanimously ap-

proved a resolution placing the double-pronged proposal on the Nov. 8 election ballot.

County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen said the proposed move will not save money but will "provide better coverage for the financial functions of the county."

She added that the offices proposed to be merged each have limited staffing. A written staff report states that the small staff sizes are "of concern for departmental operations."

Auditor-Controller Joe Mellett questioned whether the merger will actually improve performance. He said the real issue is lack of funding.

"If resources were going to come in as a part of this reorganization, I think that we would probably be stronger at that point," Mellett continued. "But if you bring together two tiny impoverished offices, all

you're going to get is a medium-sized impoverished office."

Treasurer-Tax Collector John Bartholomew said the merger proposal reflects "sound reasoning" — as long as the new finance director is chosen by voters.

"It really must remain as an elected position because there could be undue influence on the tax collecting operations, from people requesting waivers of penalties and fees and that sort of thing," he continued.

Former Treasurer-Tax Collector Stephen Strawn was at his post for 38 years. He told supervisors that, based on some of his experiences, having an elected, independent director of finance is necessary to preserve the integrity of financial management.

He offered to relate his "war stories" to supervisors in private.

Over 100 other local government agencies "have

their money in the county treasury," Strawn continued, and "they do not, in many cases, want to rely on the Board of Supervisors and/or staff to be influencing the investment of their funds, the collection of their funds and things of that nature."

Strawn added that during his long tenure, "More than once, I experienced outside influence in the decisions that I had to make."

Supervisors unanimously voted to place the departmental consolidation on the upcoming election ballot, including the question of whether the new head of finance should be an elected or appointed position.

If voters approve the consolidation, the county will have until 2018 to implement it.

The agenda item also included a discussion on enhancing economic development related to the county's struggling airports. Supervisors directed staff to develop options that will be considered at a future meeting.

ULTIMATE GRAND SUPREME

Morgin Emmons, a student at Pacific Union in Arcata, was recently crowned the Ultimate Grand Supreme in the Miss Humboldt County Beauty Pageant. The tenacious teenager won the honor by volunteering and doing community service. According to Pageant Director Tenille Choi, Emmons worked 250.8 hours over a period of six months, helping children and pitching in at a variety of events. Besides volunteering, Emmons held a 4.0 grade point average and took first place in the eighth grade science fair. "This contest means a lot to me," said Emmons, who has been competing for about a year. "I don't have the crowns just for show, I love to go out and volunteer with them. When working with young children, it makes me so happy to see the smiles on their faces. I am so fortunate to have joined the pageant community and I wouldn't be here without the help of Pageant Director, Tenille Choi. She has had such an impact on my life and I am so thankful to have met her. I love doing these pageants and hope to continue with the Miss Humboldt County Pageants." Learn more at facebook.com/MissHumboldtCounty.



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MY SWEET RIDE



COMMUTER CHRONICLES Gaela Mitchell was among the bicyclists who showed off their sweet rides during a bicycle commuter rally organized by the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition last Wednesday on the Arcata Plaza. Mitchell said of her festively decorated Motobecane Cafe Noir "It's just a really great commuter bike. And it's cute." humbike.org JD | UNION

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CENTENÁRIA PORTUGUÊS

FESTA DO DIVINO ESPÍRITO SANTO This Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, Humboldt's Portuguese community marks the 100th anniversary of Arcata's Portuguese Hall at 1185 11th St., well-known to locals as the location of many festivities, including 2014's procession, above. It's a double-down of celebration as the Portuguese community is also hosting the 99th annual celebration of the Holy Ghost, otherwise known as the Festa do Divino Espírito Santo. On Saturday, the doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a rosary, linguica and beans dinner and dancing and entertainment to follow. Sunday sees a procession from the Hall to St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m., followed by a special Mass at 11 a.m.. The procession then returns to the Hall with a parade and traditional Portuguese lunch, followed by a silent auction and yet more dancing, with music provided by the Undercovers. This year's big queen is Lidia Gomes with her side maid, Larissa McLaughlin; the little queen is Presley Fagundes with side maids Briana Stevens and Adriana Rodrigues. The festival originated in the 14th century when Queen Isabel of Portugal vowed to give her jeweled crown to the Church of the Holy Ghost if God would end Portugal's terrible drought. Her prayers were answered, and she donated the crown as well as hosted an annual feast for the poor. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate this Portuguese tradition.

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❖ MCKINLEYVILLE ART NIGHT



MOM AND JOHN See new works by Reuben Mayes at Cloney's Pharmacy.

MCKINLEYVILLE ART NIGHT

MACK TOWN –McKinleyville Art Night, this Friday, May 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. is a community celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun.

Blake's Books 2005 Central Ave. – Artist-in-residence Tina Gleave shows silk scarves, shawls and silk paintings, with musical guest Harry Smith on keyboard. This month, Blake's Books hosts a Games Night for adults and children ages 6 and up. Games will include the *Star Wars: X-Wing* miniatures game and *The Hobbit* board game, as well as classic games like *Old Maid*, *Go Fish* and *Scrabble*.

California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport – View artwork by Humboldt County artists at the long term

exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association. See work by Shawn Gould, Joyce Jonté, Peggy Loudon, Kathy Stotler and Marceau Verdière.

Cloney's Pharmacy McKinleyville Shopping Center – "Art in My Work Boots," acrylic paintings on canvas by Reuben T. Mayes. Cloney's is staying open late to host a party from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a very large birthday cake and bagpipe music by Howdy Emerson to celebrate Mayes' 25th birthday.

You can find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images online at mckinleyvilleartsnight.com. McKinleyville Art Night is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of local artists. (707) 834-6460

EMPIRE BUILDERS



TRAIN DUDES Train enthusiasts Howdy Emerson and John Webb will talk about their cross-country train trip this Thursday.

PHOTO COURTESY HOWDY EMERSON

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Howdy Emerson and John Webb love trains.

They have both loved trains since they were little boys.

"Both my grandfathers were railroad people," Emerson said.

"When I was a little kid," Webb added, putting his hand out at the height of his knees, "my mom would take me on train trips."

These two friends and neighbors from Trinidad recently took a train trip across the United States and they'll be talking about it at the Trinidad Library on Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. The event is free.

But the trip wasn't just for fun, even though the two had a blast.

Their goal was Washington, DC, where members of the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP) meet every year to lobby congress to fund and improve

train service in the United States.

That they had to start their trip by driving in a car to Eugene, Ore. is an illustration in itself of the gaps in train service.

Many folks in Humboldt don't even know that we have train service here. When this writer mentions that she is going to San Francisco by Amtrak, the response is often a blank look or downright disbelief.

But it's an easy, peaceful and cheap alternative to flying, with no airport delays or hassles. A comfortable and clean Amtrak bus leaves McKinleyville and ends up in Martinez, where passengers transfer to a train. Then from Oakland, a smaller bus takes passengers to their choice of four stops right in San Francisco.

No cancellations because of fog. No hours of waiting in airports for flight delays from elsewhere. Just go.

Emerson and Webb would love to see that option expanded to northbound travel. Eugene, and then Portland is the start

of The Empire Builder, that great train line across our beautiful country to Chicago.

Most long train routes have these colorful and historic names. The two recited their itinerary by train name with obvious affection. They know their routes.

They just wish there were an Amtrak connection to Eugene.

"You could take a series of county buses to Redding but you're there in the middle of the night, waiting for a train," Webb said.

Or a bus to Klamath Falls but that's similarly inconvenient.

"We drove up and found someone in Eugene who said they'd keep an eye on Howdy's car parked in their neighborhood," Webb explained.

They rode The Empire Builder from Portland to Chicago. As they were checking in to the hostel in Chicago, they noticed a sign on the desk that said "Free Saudi Arabian Dinner."

"The hostel had an arrangement with a school nearby," Emerson said. "The students made dinner and gave a presentation on the country they were studying. They were the most engaging eighth graders I've run into."

"They were charming," Webb added.

The next day, the pair took a walking tour of the architecture of Chicago and spent hours at the Art Institute before catching the 9:30 p.m. Lake Shore Limited to Boston.

In Boston, they split up for a few days, with Webb visiting friends and art museums and Emerson taking another train and car ride to visit his sister in Pennsylvania.

They met up again in DC, but not before Emerson had to sit on a railroad siding while Webb's speedier train, the Acela, zipped by.

"I was supposed to get to Washington before he did, but we were held up on the siding," Emerson said. He enjoyed a fea-

ture on trains in the east, Amtrak Connect. "You can watch your train and it will even show you what car you are on. It was great for all kinds of train information," he said.

Once in Washington, the two participated in NARP's Day on the Hill. They met with congressmembers to lobby for improved train service.

Why do they care so much?

Webb is a retired teacher who describes himself as a "passenger train advocate." Besides traveling on trains, he had an early career with them.

"After I got out of college, I had a 10-year career with Amtrak," he said. He worked in onboard services, as a bartender, and as a dining car and coach attendant. Mostly his run was Oakland to Bakersfield, but sometimes he got to work on the famed Starliner. He even solved a mystery while working the Starliner.

"I was walking up and down at night in my two assigned cars," he said. "I went into a men's bathroom and saw a woman's purse sitting there. In the next bathroom there was another, and in the next, also. I took the purses to the conductor and we finally found the culprit – some kid who hadn't gotten over kleptomania."

Emerson is an artist and Celtic harp player. His enjoyment of trains is all about the opportunity to slow down our busy lives.

"Going across the country slows you down. You're almost compelled to meet people when you are seated at communal dining tables. It creates an atmosphere," he said. "How often do we spend a day just looking out the window?"

Webb has offered to help anyone contemplating a trip with planning and information. "I'm totally a geek about it," he said.

Come hear the fascinating stories from these two train fans at the Trinidad Library.

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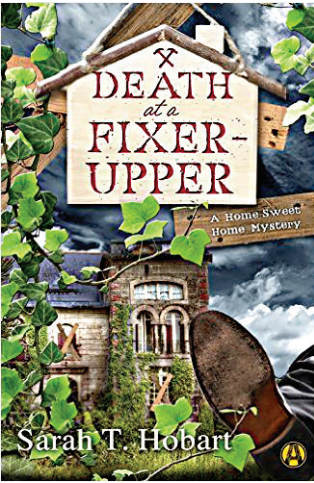
❖ BOOK REVIEW

Thrills, spills and chills

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

ARLINA – It’s May in Arlinda, and that can only mean one thing: the Kinetic Sculpture Race. And corpses showing up in empty houses, of course. It’s hard to tell which presents more thrills, spills and chills in Sarah Hobart’s *Death at a Fixer-Upper*, the third in the author’s newly reminted “Home Sweet Home Mystery Series.” Set in a thinly-veiled Arcata, Hobart’s ongoing series of cozy mysteries finds reluctant sleuth and real estate agent Sam Turner once again bedeviled by bodies in the house she’s desperately trying to sell. Hobart (then publishing under the nom de plume Muriel Wills) introduced Sam, a hapless neophyte in the world of home selling in *Good Bones* in 2012, followed up the next year with *Like a House on Fire*. In this third book, Sam has grown a little; she’s got a couple of sales under her belt, she and her teenaged son Max are about to move out of their cruddy apartment into their very own house, and

miraculously, the fixer-upper she’s trying to sell is attracting more bidders than she can handle. A suspicious number of buyers, in fact. Sam plugs on, giving tours, filing offers and dodging various attempts on her life. Max is on a Kinetic sculpture team, and Sam scrambles to be there at every point in the race, despite ongoing homicidal interruptions. As always, Hobart’s writing is breezy and funny, her heroine infuriatingly inept, occasionally prickly and oddly lovable. Once again, of course, there’s the improbable circumstance of Sam becoming embroiled in so many murders, but that’s just par for the course in this genre, one that even its grande dame, the 1980s and ’90s TV series *Murder, She Wrote*, was never really able to resolve. Best to suspend your disbelief and just go along for the ride.



And it’s a fun ride. But as amusing as *Fixer-Upper* works on its own merits, it’s even better when you’re a local. As a roman a clef, Hobart’s works are delightful; her acerbic sleuth has definite opinions about the local police chief (yum), the small-town newspaper editor (yikes) and a philandering contractor whose facade of eco-grooviness does little to hide his shoddy workmanship (yuck). Local venues are cleverly renamed – she refers to the cow town of Ferndale as Bovington – though, one little niggling irritation here, the Kinetic Grand Championship is depicted as somewhat less whimsical and more mercenary than it actually is. On the other hand, though, there’s more danger and drama, and it all works out in the end. Hobart is finally getting ahead in the publishing world too. *Fixer-Upper* was released May 17 as an ebook only under Random House’s Alibi brand, so it’s not available in a print edition at local bookstores. “I’ve been a print person all my life,” confessed Hobart, “but if my 81-year-old father can adapt, so can I.” If ebook sales are good, the book may go to press, but in the meantime, some local bookstores do sell ebooks. Hobart is releasing the much-anticipated fourth book of the series this November.

PINTS FOR NONPROFITS Drink up at Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake, **today, May 18**, when \$1 from every beer sold all day benefits North Coast Regional Land Trust. La Patinas play from 6 to 8:30 p.m. too!

PINTS FOR NONPROFITS Drink up at Redwood Curtain Brewery, 550 South G St., Arcata, **today, May 18**, to benefit the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust.

SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT See *Night of the Lepus* (1972) and other psycho-tronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, May 18** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. An Arizona rancher calls in local scientists to help him deal with massive rabbit overpopulation on his land. In order to humanely resolve the matter, the researchers inject the rabbits with chemicals, failing to anticipate the consequences of their actions: a breed of giant mutant rabbits that starts killing every human in sight. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

SHADOW PUPPETS AT THE LIBRARY Humboldt Literacy Project and the Eureka Main Library present Family Literacy Night **today, May 18** at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Main Library, 1313 Third St. Storyteller Sean Powers and His Shadow Puppets make stories come to life with the magic of shadows. To catch a sneak peak, visit seansshadows.com. Children are welcome to choose a free book donated by Tin Can Mailman at the end of the event. Family Literacy Night is brought to you by First 5 Humboldt (humkids.org) and Humboldt Literacy Project. For more information about Humboldt Literacy Project, call (707) 445-3655 or visit humlit.org. To learn more about your local library and what cool stuff it offers, call (707) 269-1910 or visit humlib.org.

VANEK IN WESTHAVEN The third show in the Westhaven Center for the Arts Jazz Series 2016 hosted by the RLA Trio, is **Friday, May 20** at 7 p.m. Featured artist

saxophonist Francis Vanek has shared the bandstand with such saxophone stalwarts as Ernie Watts, Tom Scott and Eddie Daniels. The Jazz Series is the third Friday of every other month, with many great acts on the line-up; admission is a \$5 to \$10 sliding scale. The center is located at 501 South Westhaven Dr. (707)677-9493, tim-randlespiano@gmail.com

SYMPHONY SEASON FINALE The Eureka Symphony’s “Season Finale” concerts are **Friday, May 20** and **Saturday, May 21** at 8 p.m. at the Arkley Center, 412 G St., Eureka. The concerts feature *The Hebrides* by Felix Mendelssohn, *Concerto No. 12 for Two Oboes in D Major* by Tomaso Albinoni, and *Symphony No. 9 in E Flat Major* by Dmitri Shostakovich. Guest artists Tom Nugent and Andrea Plesnarski will be featured. A free Musical Notes lecture is available at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are at eurekasymphony.org, by phone at (707) 845-3655 or at the door.

BLUE LAKE 500 The Blue Lake Roller Rink hosts the Blue Lake 500 skate-a-thon on **Saturday, May 21**. Grab your friends and family, put a team together, and skate 500 laps around the rink. Teams are encouraged to have their own themes and dress-up in costume. This skate-a-thon is a fundraiser for new skates. bluelake.ca.gov, (707) 668-5655

AT THE ALIBI Humboldt Free Radio presents Opossum Sun Trail (cinematic Western songs from Arcata) and Jenny Don’t & the Spurs (outlaw country from Portland) at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St. in Arcata, on **Saturday, May 21** at 11 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show.

ROCK THE VOTE The Jam, 915 H St. in Arcata, hosts Humboldt County’s Rock the Vote Party on **Sunday, May 22**, featuring Duane Betts, Pedro Arevalo, Ty Dennis, Swiz and Ciotti, Non Prophets and Jeff Kelley Doors open at noon, event starts at 1 p.m. For ages 21 and over.

TEDx HUMBOLDT BAY Ponder the power of yoga in prisons, the globalization of gaming, a call to make data democratic and

more in a series of short talks that promise to expand intellectual horizons at the fourth annual TEDxHumboldtBay event on **Sunday, May 22** at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. The theme of this year’s event is “Incite > Insight.” Topics include: Prison Yoga, Freedom from Inner Oppression; Hidden Ladder Collaborative Arts; Would You Like to Live Better for Longer? Inspiring for a Better Tomorrow; Do More with Data: Digitize to Democratize; Freedom from Inner Oppression; A Global Village Complete With Global Gamers; Mindfulness Behind Bars; Looking for Whimsy; Look, Learn, Act. Moving Forward from History; Second Puberty; Sharing the World; Give Me A God. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the first of 12 speakers takes the stage at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at tedxhumbolddbay.com. The conference is expected to sell out.

GREENVIEW PARK PARTY Bring your sandwiches, lemonade and barbecues to Greenview Park on Lewis Ave. in Arcata on **Sunday, May 22** from 2 to 5 p.m. for a neighborhood picnic and barbecue! Eat good food, play games, celebrate fundraising successes and strategize for raising the last \$100,000 needed to create a truly accessible playground. (707) 407-5774

BONE YARD AT MUSEUM The Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, presents Bone Yard for Wine and Jazz on **Sunday, May 22** from 3 to 5 p.m. Local musician Gregg Moore has assembled an all-star cast of Humboldt trombonists including Brian White, George Epperson, Craig Hull and Gregg Moore with Steve Smith on piano, Bobby Amirkhan on bass and Jonathan Kipp on drums for this exciting event. The performance is followed by an open jam session. Wine and Jazz is sponsored by Tri Counties Bank and is included with regular admission to the museum: \$5/\$2 for seniors and students with ID/free for museum members and children under 17.

AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL JD Jeffries and Devin Paine perform at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, **Sunday, May 22** at 5 p.m.



SPANNING CENTURIES A Company of Voices performs at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St. in Eureka, on **Friday, May 20** at 7 p.m. and **Saturday, May 21** at 2 p.m. Ranging from amateur to professional full-time musicians, A Company of Voices is a chamber choir comprised of local singers performing a capella vocal music spanning several centuries from the Renaissance to contemporary jazz. Admission is \$10 at the door. SUBMITTED PHOTO

PREVENTING METH TRAGEDIES Practical ways to prevent meth use will be offered at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, May 22** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Meth: Stories of Horror and Hope,” features a filmed interview with Cindy Gray, a woman who lost a son due to methamphetamine use. This Lifetree program also features a filmed interview with a young man who became addicted to meth but found hope and escaped his addiction. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com

QUILT AUCTION Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 25** for the Moonstone Guild Relay for Life Team #165 Auction at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. sharp. There will be many items up for auction: queen bed quilt, antique bed quilts, wall quilts, kids quilts, quilt covered chair, certificate for quilting one quilt (up to double size, including batting) and donations from our local quilt shops, plus many more items of interest to those who love quilts. Beautiful fabric will be sold in various sizes at \$3 a yard. Beverages and snacks will be served.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MAY 18	THURSDAY, MAY 19	FRIDAY, MAY 20	SATURDAY, MAY 21	SUNDAY, MAY 22	MONDAY, MAY 23	TUESDAY, MAY 24
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		7:30 p.m. Purple Rain (1984)	7:30 p.m. • Random Acts of Comedy	12:30 p.m. • TEDx Humboldt Bay		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Tempest	9 p.m. Miracle Show	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Money	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9:30 p.m. Royal Jelly Jive	9:30 p.m. GrooveSession			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp	9 p.m. The Getdown	9 p.m. Tiger Rose	9:30 p.m. • P3 Oasis Pre-Compression	noon Rock the Vote	9 p.m. More VibeZ	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. Brian Post & friends	7 p.m. Jim Silva			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake			9 p.m. Kindred Spirits	9 p.m. Beautiful Losers	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. La Patinas	6 p.m. • Compost Mountain Boys	6 p.m. Home Cookin'	6 p.m. Opera Alley Cats			5 to 9 p.m. • Bob Dylan B-day Bash
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. • La Musique Diabolique	8 p.m. Lovebush			7 p.m. Trivia Night	7 p.m. For Folk Sake
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		8 p.m. • Thursday Night Bluegrass		9 p.m. JDSS Band	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	

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REEFER MADNESS THE MUSICAL

fires it up

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE
EUREKA – The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) continues its 32nd season with *Reefer Madness: The Musical* with book by Kevin Murphy and Dan Studney, lyrics by Kevin Murphy and music by Dan Studney. The production opens this Thursday.

Inspired by the original 1936 propaganda film of the same name, this raucous musical comedy takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the hysteria caused when clean-cut kids fall prey to marijuana, leading them on a hysterical downward spiral filled with evil jazz music, sex and violence. Musical numbers range from Broadway-style showstoppers to swing tunes. It's a highly stylized and satirical political commentary with adult humor.

The production is directed by Daniel Kennedy, who has been working in theatre in one aspect or another for 24 years. "There are many special things about this play, but one of the most important is that *Reefer Madness* acts as a mirror that was suspended in a time capsule," said Kennedy. "*Reefer* shows us attitudes from our past, and informs us as to where some of our current attitudes and misconceptions come from. Everyone should see *Reefer*

Madness because it is an exorcism of our past propaganda demons. Come be purified by laughter! Laughter is, after all, the best drug."

The cast features Warren Hardison, Jessie Rawson, Dante Gelormino, Chris Hamby, Veronica Ruse, Danielle Cichone, Rigel Schmitt and David Powell, plus an eight-member ensemble. Scenery design is by Liz Uhazy, lighting design by Jared Sorenson and costume design by Laura Rhinehart. Lacy Ross stage-manages the production.

Reefer Madness opens Thursday, May 19 at 8 p.m. with an opening night gala that includes a champagne reception after the show and serves as a benefit for the cast and crew. All seats for opening night are \$18.

The performance of Friday, May 20 benefits the Ryan House; tickets are \$20. The performance of Saturday, May 21 benefits the Humboldt Library Foundation; tickets are \$25.

Regular ticket prices of \$18 for all seats begin on Friday, May 27. The play runs Fridays and Saturdays through June 18. There will be one additional regular Thursday performance on June 16. All evening performances begin at 8 p.m. There will be three matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Sundays May 29, June 5 and 12.

The play is recommended for high school age and older as it contains adult humor.

NCRT is located at 300 Fifth St., Eureka. For reservations, group rates, or more information, call (707) 442-NCRT (6278) or visit ncrt.net.

Indie innovators at Playhouse

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE CREAMERY DISTRICT
– Benyaro, a high-energy singer/acoustic guitar and stand-up bass duo featuring big vocals and a soulful sound comes to the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., today, May 18. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; show at 8 p.m.



BENYARO plays on Wednesday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Benyaro is Ben Musser's indie-acoustic soul and roots project, which in his words, he "formed to expand the boundaries of acoustic music and serve as a vehicle for my distilling artistry." Musser is a multi-instrumentalist; a drummer, guitarist, singer, songwriter and schooled in jazz, rock, classical guitar and voice.

Benyaro performs most frequently as a duo where Musser, along with upright bass player Leif Routman, plays guitar, kick drum, hi-hat, shaker, harmonica, and his most important instrument, his voice, which has repeatedly drawn comparisons to David Bowie, Cat Stevens, and Axl Rose from both critics and fans. It has been said that you'll never hear more music come from just two people.

Petunia & the Vipers
On Monday, May 23 at 8 p.m., the Playhouse hosts Petunia & the Vipers. You walk into a Western saloon. Doors creak, the bartender glares at you, and windows are covered in dust. But the band in the corner is utterly spectacular. In that setting, there's only one band that could possibly live up and it is led by a Western Canadian man named Petunia. Petunia & The Vipers take rockabilly, western swing, surf, honky tonk, gypsy jazz and film noir music, and wrap it up with a beat-poetry and punk-attitude twist. Petunia & The Vipers thrive on the challenge of



PETUNIA plays with the Vipers Monday. SUBMITTED PHOTO

adding Latin rhythms to a country blues tune, or gypsy flavoring to a rockabilly standard. Front man Petunia defies convention and yet there is some conservatism to his music. His honest songwriting and multi-syllabic narratives would leave a lesser singer tongue-tied and breathless. One of the many themes running through Petunia's lyrics relates to living life on one's own terms – fearlessly and without regret.

Times & tickets
Tickets for each of these shows are \$15/\$13 for students and Playhouse members and are available at Wildberries Marketplace, arcataplayhouse.org or reserved at (707) 822-1575.

Unleash your inner dragon/drag queen

EUREKA SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE
BAYSIDE – Do you want to get lost in a realm of fantasy full of mystery, wizardry and shiny objects? Join your Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Saturday, May 21 at the Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Rd., for "Dungeons and Dragqueens" 10th Anniversary Bingo! Embracing the adventure and imagination of high fantasy and dark desires of the dungeon, this bingo fundraiser will be fantastically full of elven mischief and heroic hotties!

When asked to comment, Sister Grinnan Bearette proclaimed: "As a level 20 Bearmaid Sorceress, I can safely say that this bingo will be the most magically glamorous event of the spring! I can't wait to see what the people bring out for our costume contest!"

The aforementioned "Enchanting Ensemble" and "Draconic Duds" Costume Contests will pit participants who have dressed in their most fantastical finery or luscious leathers against one another for prizes. So dress as heroic, dominant or adventurous as you wish. Be sure to practice

your jousting or flogging skills, as there are sure to be opportunities for you to show off.

To foster unity across the lands, the Eureka Sisters have decided to hold a potluck rather than sell food at this event. Please bring a dish that you would like to share with your community, including a card with allergy information. Potlucks always bring the good vibes, and this is a perfect venue to try out your recipe before our series of summer events!

Part of the Sisters' ongoing recognition of their 10th anniversary, this bingo is only the first of many events they are planning on having this year.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Eureka Sisters' Operating Fund to ensure that they are able to bring you a plethora of amazing activities throughout the rest of 2016. Tickets are \$15 at the door or online at eurekasisters.org; buy early, as this event will sell out. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the estimated end time is 9 p.m.

(707) 676-ESPI (3774), info@eurekasisters.org, eurekasisters.org

Wilber closes Old Steeple's inaugural season

THE OLD STEEPLE
FERNDALE – Acclaimed guitarist and songwriter Jason Wilber rounds out a successful first concert season at The Old Steeple this Saturday.

Best known for his longstanding gig as John Prine's guitarist, Wilber has also toured and recorded with the likes of Greg Brown, Iris DeMent and Todd Snider, and is a talented songsmith in his own right.

Wilber is currently on tour in support of his newest album, *Echoes*, the first of his nine solo albums to feature tunes penned by other artists – most notably, "A Song for You" by Leon Russell and "Paradise" by John Prine.

Said Prine of the cover: "I wish Ray Charles was alive so that I could play him Jason's version of 'Paradise'!"

While this marks the end of The Old Steeple's inaugural concert season, it also marks the first opportunity to purchase tickets for shows booked this fall. Faithful concertgoers known as "Old Steeple People" will enjoy the privilege of buying

tickets before they go on sale to the general public for acts such as celebrated country-folk musician Iris DeMent, mandolin prodigy Sierra Hull, folk singer-songwriter sensation Gwyneth Moreland, and more – all of whom are slated to perform at The Old Steeple!

Operated by Ferndale Music Company, The Old Steeple presents world-class musicians in a beautiful 115-year-old former church in Ferndale. With its stunning architecture, warm sound and comfy seating, it's the perfect venue to experience acoustic music.

JASON WILBER AT THE OLD STEEPLE

❖ **When:** Saturday, May 21; doors at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m.
❖ **Where:** The Old Steeple, 246 Berding St., Ferndale
❖ **Tickets:** \$20 advance/\$25 at the door; at Ferndale Music Company, Mind's Eye Coffee Lounge and brownpapertickets.com.
(707) 786-7030, ferndalemusiccompany.com

WRITING GROUP The Great Intenders, a long-established writers' group, meets in McKinleyville on Wednesdays starting at 1 p.m. for reading, critiquing, fellowship, and mutual support. The group has room for two more members. Interested? Contact John Daniel at (707) 839-3495 or jmd@danielpublishing.com.

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McKinleyville Art Night!

Friday, May 20
6:00 ~ 8:00 pm

McKinleyville Art Night will be Friday, May 20th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Join us for our community's celebration of local art and artists for music, food and fun. You can find more information about the artists and venues and see additional images online at www.mckinleyvilleartsnight.com.

at the Airport:
EUREKA-ARCATA AIRPORT
View artwork by Humboldt County artists at the long term exhibit coordinated by the Redwood Art Association. The exhibit features work by Shawn Gould, Joyce Jonte, Peggy Loudon, Kathy Stotler and Marceau Verdere.

Central Avenue West:
CLONEY'S PHARMACY
(McKinleyville Shopping Center)
Reuben T. Mayes: "Art in My Work Boots"
acrylic paintings on canvas
Musical Guest: Howard Emmerson, bagpipe music
Special Event: It's Reuben's birthday! Join Cloney's in celebrating with birthday cake, drinks and more during the artist's reception for Reuben.

Central Avenue East:
BLAKE'S BOOKS (2005 Central Ave.)
Tina Gleeve, artist-in-residence: silk scarves, shawls, and silk paintings
Musical Guest: Harry Smith, keyboard
Special Event: Blake's Books will host a Games Night for adults and children ages 6 and up. Games will include the Star Wars: X-Wing miniatures game and The Hobbit board game, as well as classic games like Old Maid, Go Fish, and Scrabble.

McKinleyville Art Night!

Meet the artists during McKinleyville Art Night!
McKinleyville Art Night continues to be the third Friday of each month and is open for all McKinleyville businesses to display the work of our local artists. For more information, contact coordinator Taffy Stockton at (707) 834-6460.



MACK TOWN GRANTS McKinleyville Area Fund (MAF) President John Kulstad presented the 2016 Mini Grants in April. Created in 1982 with \$4,000 in seed money contributions from the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce and community-minded people, the fund awards grants ranging from \$300 to \$1,000. Representatives of the organizations receiving a 2016 grant, in no particular order, are Rand Hall, McKinleyville Middle School; Denise Dolan and Vickie Dobrec, Trinidad Elementary School; Sue Barnes, McKinleyville Senior Center; Carlos Sanchez, Ann Pinske, Bob Wainwright, Cyndi Bainbridge, Ann Mixer and Marie Ruth, McKinleyville Lions Club; Robert Kelber and Jean Brown-ing, McKinleyville Community Choir; Virginia Moyer, Adult Day Health Care of Mad River; Jason Lewis, Mary Elise Conzelmann and Marisa Glour, McKinleyville High School Track and Field; Kirsten Messmer, MCSD Parks and Recreation. Not pictured are representatives of McKinleyville Community Collaborative, Eureka Symphony and Fieldbrook Educational Foundation. Also pictured are MAF Board Members Helen Edwards, Michael Rhodes, Elaine Cherney, David Cherney, John Kulstad and Jeff Brock. (Monica Brock, not pictured) Two \$1,000 John Hewitt Scholarships were awarded to McKinleyville High School students Emma Patrick and Lindsey Maillie. The Fund may be contacted at, McKinleyville Area Fund, P. O. Box 2685, McKinleyville, CA 95519 or call (707) 839-9629.

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This is your summons to report for jury duty this weekend in the seaside village

Courting Disaster, a melodrama written and directed by John Meyers involving the court case of Brimstone vs. Prettybottom, takes place on Saturday, May 21 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. in Trin-



YOU BE THE JUDGE The Born-in-a-Trunk Melodrama Company invites you to sit on their jury.

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idad Town Hall.

The Born-in-a-Trunk Melodrama Company comedy is a stirring courtroom tale involving the tactics of Attorney Shy Stir (Keven Harder) against new-to-the-bar Attorney Shakee (Will Hardwick) defending their respective clients plaintiff Helfer Brimstone (David Pryor) and defendant Melissa Prettybottom (Julie Hjerpe). Judge Feather (Alison Silver), kind bailiff (Jim Willits), ever-young Mrs. Prettybottom (Greta Daniels) and heartless Drucilla Nightshade (Jayne Bauer) add to the confusion and hilarity.

An unusual aspect of the case is that instead of the usual jury of 12, the jury, consisting of the entire audience, will decide the result of the trial.

Tickets are \$10 each and available at Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Plaza and at Hair Unlimited, 1640 G St. in Arcata as well as at the door. Refreshments will be available.

The production is a joint benefit for Trinidad Museum Society and Trinidad Coastal Land Trust. Call (707) 677-3816 for information or reservations.

Outstanding Lions Club Speech Contest winner

Ariel Vergen won the first three levels of the MD4 Lions Clubs of California Annual Student Speaker Contest. This year's topic was "Liberty and Justice for All. What does it mean to you?" Winners at the first three levels receive cash prizes and levels four, five and six receive scholarships. Ariel is a sophomore at North Coast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy and was sponsored by the Trinidad Lions Club.

Francis Vanek at Westhaven Center for the Arts

Third Friday Jazz presents saxophonist Francis Vanek on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr. RLA hosts the Pittsburg-born musician, who studied with Carl Arter and played in bands with Roger Humphries and J.C. Moses. Vanek has shared the bandstand with such saxophone stalwarts as Ernie Watts, Tom Scott and Eddie Daniels. Jesse Hamlin, writing in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, wrote that Vanek is "a superb saxophonist." Admission is \$5 to \$10 sliding scale. Call (707) 677-9493 for information.



While you're at WCA, enjoy the newly installed Annual Members art exhibit.

Trinidad Seabird Citizen Science Project

Contribute to North Coast seabird conservation while learning about their biology by attending HSU professor Dan Barton's training workshop on Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. or on May 21 at 1 p.m. at the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust Office/Gallery behind Trinidad Library on Janis Court off Patrick's Point Drive.

Graduate student Shannon Murphy will assist Professor Barton in training citizens in seabird monitoring in the California Coastal National Monument this summer.



OUTSTANDING SPEAKER Trinidad Lions Club Vice President Mike Pinske, Ariel's mother, Valerie Vergen, Ariel holding her certificate and her teacher, Army King.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Call Trinidad Coastal Land Trust director Ben Morehead at (707) 677-2501 or email north.coast.seabirds@gmail.com for details.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

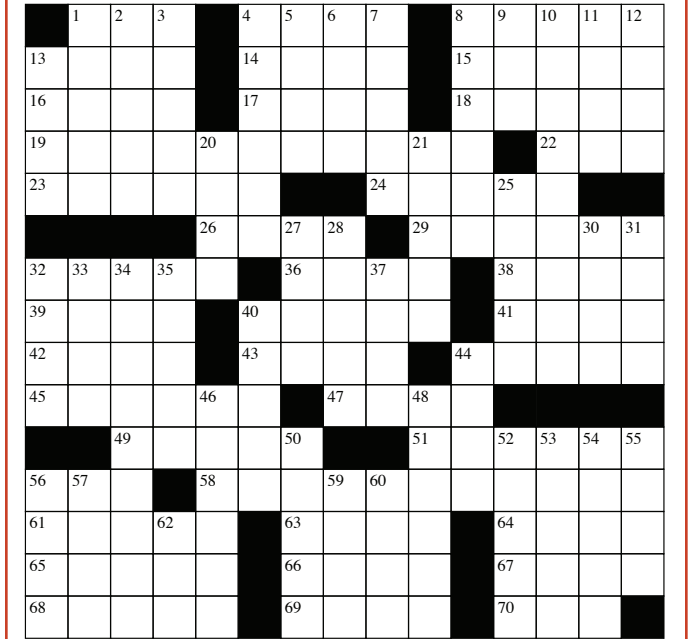
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Sandwich meat
- Part of a staircase
- Chowder server
- Member of the family
- Edward Everett or Alan
- Sign of spring
- State with assurance
- Instant; quickly
- Stage parts
- Oscar hopeful
- Sugar: suff.
- One in the service
- Sly looks
- Mouse's nemesis
- Gives medical care to
- First name in New York governors
- Long-running Broadway play
- Dollar abroad
- Tied
- Pry
- Sketched
- Intellect
- Pickling herb
- Suffixes for heir or murder
- Unusual thing
- Distribute 52
- Like some seals
- More reckless
- 30-day period: abbr.
- Formal accusation
- Worked
- Ion or Scion
- French pronoun
- Feel
- Obama, for one: abbr.
- Sad utterance
- Agog
- Uncomplicated
- Henry II or Francis II

DOWN

- ball; live it up
- "...a partridge in ..."
- Gras
- Fistfight memento
- Characteristic flavor
- Israeli airline
- Word with code or colony
- Defender
- Caroline's stepdad
- Extinct reptiles
- Table supports
- To be: Lat.
- Sunday
- One two is two
- Hinder
- Rex and Donna
- 1986-91 TV sitcom
- Like modern roads
- Pine, for one
- Plants
- Note
- Like a go-getter
- Architect's drawing
- Asian nation
- Allot
- Ply
- Dash
- Exchanger
- Fleet of merchant ships
- Window covering
- Smudge
- Greeting
- Chou
- Lines of travel: abbr.
- Domed projection
- "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
- Invisible emanation
- Followers' endings
- NNE plus 90°



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The weekly crossword is brought to you by **KINETIC KOFFEE** Organic, fresh, local and available at Eureka Natural Foods, Murphy's Markets, the North Coast Co-op and Wildberries!

Watch out! Black dogs may steal your heart

Black Dog Appreciation Month continues through May at the shelter. Two dogs have moved to their forever homes but quite a few remain, waiting for that special person or family to notice them and give them a chance at a new life.

I like to think of these guys as The Three Amigos! Boosie, Cody and Diego look imposing but are as gentle as can be.

Sweet Boosie is on his second pass through the shelter, for no fault of his own. We always hope for the best with adoptions, but sometimes dogs come back in and the contacts we have for them lead nowhere.

Boosie is a medium large mixed breed dog, about three years old. His mix could be lab, sharpei and who knows what.

Boosie has a beautiful shiny thick black coat, very satisfying to pet. He is housebroken, easy to walk and very gentle with other dogs. Boosie particularly loves to roll in the grass and his big lab-type feet indicate he might like swimming or playing in the water as well.

One of the volunteers took him out for an afternoon and pronounced him quite well behaved. As one of the other volunteers says Boosie will steal your heart. If you are looking for a big gentle companion, this is the dog for you.

Boosie is neutered, micro-chipped and vaccinated, and for the month of May is available for the incredibly low adoption fee of \$65. Mention that you read about him here and Redwood Pals will throw in a new leash for him as well.

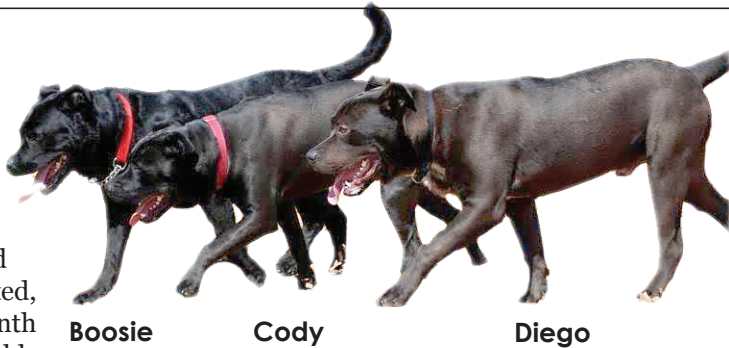
This special price applies to all of Boosie's dark-haired buddies as well. They are waiting for you at the Humboldt County Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals Rescue is looking for a foster or adoptive home for our young friend Boscoe.

Boscoe was abandoned by being left tied to a post outside of Petco. He was understandably a little nervous when he first came to the shelter but has blossomed into a very nice dog since then.

He met some potential fosters last week and was such a good boy! After some initial excitement, he settled into a nice easy walk with them. They pronounced him "an awesome dog - very sweet and trainable" but found that the husband seemed to be allergic to the dog. So we are still looking ...

Boscoe is about a year and half old and a smaller model of pit bull terrier. He gets along great with the other



Boosie

Cody

Diego



Boscoe

dogs and has shown great deference to the female dogs especially. He can be a little reserved around new people but warms up very quickly when he sees they are his friends.

We would love an adoption for this dog but a foster would help him out of the shelter. Fostering involves caring for a dog like he was your own (but without any medical expenses) and helping us to find him a forever home. For more information, please email us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 840-9132.

Montana graduate

MAD RIVER UNION

DILLON, Mont. — On Saturday, May 7, the University of Montana Western awarded 481 degrees to 395 students at commencement, setting a record for most degrees awarded.

One student from Trinidad graduated from Montana Western. Mishella Craddock graduated with an Associate of Science and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.

In her time at Montana Western, Craddock distinguished herself by appearing on the Dean's List and receiving scholarships to support her education.

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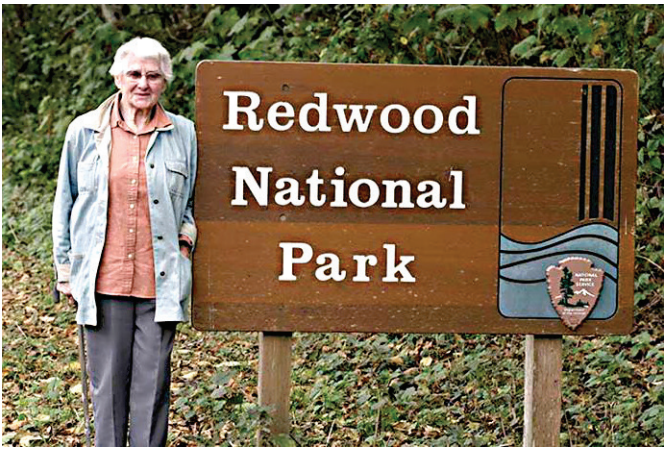
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OBITUARIES



Lucille Bartlett Vinyard

Community members are invited to gather for a Celebration of the Life of Lucille Bartlett Vinyard, who passed away on Dec.30 at the age of 97. The event will be held on Sunday, May 22 starting at 2 p.m. in the Kate Buchanan Room on the Humboldt State campus (directions at humboldt.edu/maps/rooms).

A few invited speakers will share remembrances of Lucille. Then, attendees can add to her story via an open mic (two-minute maximum, each). After the reminiscences, participants are welcome to mingle and enjoy champagne and desserts. A selection of Lucille's journals, correspondence, diaries, reports, and photos from her HSU archival collection will be on display.

Lucille was an accomplished environmental activist and conservationist, known to many as the "Mother of Redwood National Park." In 1964, she helped form the North Group of the Sierra Club's Redwood Chapter and led in the battle to preserve the remaining ancient redwood forests in the region. She was a founding board member of the Northcoast Environmental Center (NEC) and the Redwood Natural History Association. Lucille is also remembered for her efforts to pass the California Coastal Zone Protection Act and the California Wilderness Act.

If you would like to contribute a short piece about Lucille for sharing through the NEC website, send it to fomuir@gmail.com. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the HSU Library's Vinyard and Van Kirk Trust, to help pay for archiving the records of Lucille and Susie Van Kirk (who passed away one day after Lucille) or to the Vinyard/Van Kirk Environmental Education Fund, which supports sending local children to outdoor camp. The link for the HSU account is library.humboldt.edu/giving/vankirk.html. To make a camp donation, send a check payable to North Group Sierra Club, P.O. Box 238, Arcata CA 95518. Please write "Camper Fund" in the memo line.

If you have questions, contact Sue Leskiw at suele-skiwi@gmail.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT Hospice of Humboldt offers free, drop-in grief support groups every week. The Arcata group meets Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of Jacoby's Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. Eureka groups meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays (Slipper Club – casual drop-in session) from 9 to 10:30 a.m., all at the Hospice office, 3327 Timber Fall Ct. The Fortuna group meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Fortuna (Formerly Sequoia Springs), 2401 Redwood Way. The McKinleyville group meets Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Timber Ridge, 1400 Nursery Way. (707) 267-9801, hospiceofhumboldt.org

GRANGE BREAKFAST The monthly Dow's Prairie Grange flea market and pancake breakfast is Saturday, May 21 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Large breakfasts are \$5 and the small size is \$3. The flea market is open until 3 p.m. The Dow's Prairie Grange is located at 3995 Dow's Prairie Rd., McKinleyville. Vendors interested in renting a table can call BJ at (707) 840-9878.

GET FISHY IN TRINIDAD The 2016 Trinidad Fish Festival holds its 62nd event on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, featuring fish dinners, beverages, all-day music, arts and crafts vendors, the famous Trinidad Civic Club cake sale and a kids' zone. Festival organizers are seeking at least 80 volunteers to make this day run smoothly. If you would like to spend an hour or two

on Father's Day in a fun volunteer activity, contact Katherine Wayne at trinidadfishfest2016@gmail.com. If you are a business, consider signing up as a five- to 10-person business group. The festival will hang any sign of yours at the venue you are working and list you as a sponsor on printed materials. Good advertising, good team-building for your staff, and a fun day in Trinidad!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT A support group for families and caregivers who have members with mental illness meets every Monday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Rainbow Room at Humboldt County Mental Health, 720 Wood St., Eureka. Trained facilitators lead the group and offer families support, education, and resources. For more information, call Lea Nagy at (707) 845-3233.

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BARN SALE

Elbutmo barn sale! Odds and ends, piano, some furniture, old barber chair and more. All proceeds benefit the Eleanor Sullivan scholarship fund. One day only: Sat. May 21 8 to 4. 1645 Elbutmo Ranch Lane, McKinleyville.

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Case Manager
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A local non-profit addressing the needs of homeless families and individuals.

The incumbent is a member of a case management team seeking to provide comprehensive and integrated social services to individuals and families. Duties include but are not limited to intake assessments, ongoing client support, and network with social services agencies. Responsible for case management, data collection and maintenance, crisis management, and community interaction. Experience with people who are homeless or have substance abuse or mental health issues preferred. BA/BS in Social Work, Psychology or related field and 2 years case management experience. For more information and a detailed job description send request to hiringcommittee.AHP@gmail.com.

Send cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 professional references to hiringcommittee.AHP@gmail.com.

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16-00275
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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REDCREST, CA 95569
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26510 HIGHWAY 254
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26510 HIGHWAY 254
REDCREST, CA 95569
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple
S/ROBERT ALLMON, OWNER
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16-00259
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00254
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

CHARLES E. CALDWELL II
2437 EAST COCHRAN RD.
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NEAL A. NARAYAN
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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
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SECTION 294
Case Name:
NITAH IRENE NELSON,
AKA: BABY GIRL NELSON
Case No.: JV160060
1. To Steven Shockley and anyone claiming to be a parent of Nitah Irene Nelson, aka: Baby Girl Nelson born on 3/14/2016 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, CA.
2. A hearing will be held on July 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.

3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to

hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.
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SETH LICHENSTEIN-HILL,
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